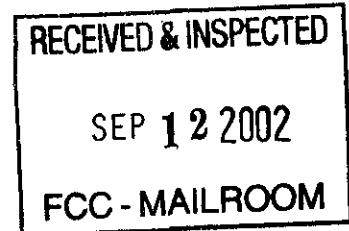


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ROYCE S. ASLAKSON
General Manager

September 9, 2002



Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
Federal Communication Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th St. SW, Rm. TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

RE: USF Certification - FCC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Salas:

Enclosed for filing in FCC Docket No. 96-45 is an affidavit certifying that all Universal Service Support will only be used by Reservation Telephone Cooperative for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

Reservation Telephone Cooperative has also filed this affidavit with the North Dakota Public Service Commission, and the Montana Public Service Commission. It is anticipated that they will also certify by October 1, 2002, that Reservation Telephone Cooperative will only use said Universal Service Support for its intended purpose. However, because of the importance of this issue, and the fast approaching certification deadline of October 1, 2002, Reservation Telephone Cooperative is also providing certification directly to the Federal Communication Commission to ensure that we continue to receive the Universal Service Support for which we are eligible.

Sincerely,

Royce S. Aslakson, General Manager
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